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SUBJECT: VISIT OF US CUSTOMS OFFICIALS TO SOFIA

REF: A) CUSTOMS 3103; B) SOFIA 418 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY WELCOMES APRIL 4-7 VISIT OF OPERATIONS OFFICERS
BARBAGELATA AND HENRY TO SOFIA.

2. APPOINTMENTS SET WITH TSVETKOV, WHO WILL MEET BE 712
APRIL 4. NARCOTICS COORDINATOR SIMPSON WILL ALSO MEET.

3. HOTEL RESERVATIONS CONFIRMED AT HOTEL EVROPA.

4. TSVETKOV ALSO GAVE EMBASSY DRAFT LIST OF CONFERENCE
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OBJECTIVES AT TIME WHEN HE SUBMITTED DRAFT INVITATION AND
THREE DRAFT ENCLOSURES ON WORK PROCEDURE, AGENDA, AND PROGRAM
TO BE INCLUDED WITH PROGRAM (REF B AND FOLLOWING). Y HAS
SINCE TOLD EMBASSY THAT HE HAD WANTED DRAFT CONFERENCE
OBJECTIVES LIST TO BE SUBMITTED TO US CUSTOMS IN ADVANCE
ALSO. TEXT FOLLOWS.

5. QUOTE CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

A. DISCUSSION OF CUSTOMS BORDER CONTROL PROBLEMS IN THE AREA OF SUPPRESSION OF NARCOTICS SMUGGLING. THE DISCUSSION WILL DEFINE AND EXPLORE THE PROBLEMS AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS.

B. DISCUSSION OF CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS AND TECHNIQUES DESIGNED TO INTERCEPT THE FLOW OF CONTRABAND, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON NEW METHODS AND TECHNOLOGY.

C. DISCUSSION OF TRAINING PROGRAMS CENTERED ON CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT AND CONTRABAND INTERDICTION ON NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS. THE DISCUSSION WILL EXPLORE EXISTING PROGRAMS AND TRAINING CENTERS, THE PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION OF NEW TRAINING PROGRAMS, THE CONCEPT OF "INSTITUTION BUILDING", AND THE RELEVANCE OF SEIZURE STATISTICS AS AN EVALUATION OF TRAINING EFFECTIVENESS. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE PROBLEM OF IMPROVING INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS.

D. DISCUSSION OF METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE EXCHANGE AMONG CUSTOMS SERVICES IN THE AREA OF THE SUPPRESSION OF NARCOTICS SMUGGLING. THE DISCUSSION WILL IDENTIFY EXISTING SYSTEMS AND EXPLORE NEW OR ALTERNATIVE SYSTEMS ON BOTH A MULTILATERAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND BILATERAL BASIS AND IN THE SYSTEMS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

E. DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC WAYS AND MEANS OF IMPROVING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, AS WELL AS COMMUNICATION AMONG THE CUSTOMS SERVICES. INCLUDED IN THIS DISCUSSION WILL BE THE CONCEPT OF THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE SUPPRESSION OF NARCOTICS SMUGGLING, WAYS FOR SUPPORTING AND IMPROVING THEIR ACTIVITY; THE VALUE OF SPECIALIZED INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS; OF FUTURE MEETINGS - LEVEL, PLACE, TIME, FUNDING, AND OTHER MEANS OF IMPROVING OR INITIATING COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATIONS AMONG THE CUSTOMS SERVICES OF THE WORLD. UNQUOTE GARTHOFF UNQUOTE COOPER

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